

Dear Neighbor,

I have included some important information on this postcard about Medicare Part D, the new federal prescription drug plan. While I have serious concerns regarding its evident complexity and the plan's ever rising projected costs, I do believe it is important to provide you with information so that you can make good choices.

I have included answers to some common questions and also have provided you with useful phone numbers so that you can make further inquiries.

I invite you to call or write my office if you have a special concern or would like to share your opinion with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan V Hartley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large "J" and "H".

Joan V. Hartley
State Senator



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MEDCARE PART D PLAN

The Basics

- 1** There may be up to a \$250 annual deductible, depending upon the Part D plan you choose.
- 2** For prescription drug bills ranging from \$251 to \$2,250, Medicare will pay 75% of the costs and you will pay 25%.
- 3** There will be no Medicare coverage for prescription bills costing \$2,250 to \$5,100 during any particular year. This gap is often referred to as the “doughnut hole.”
- 4** With respect to prescription drugs costing more than \$5,100, Medicare will pay 95% and you will pay 5%.

Additionally...

There are several important conditions that you must consider. First, in order to get the benefits without paying a penalty, **you must pick a private prescription plan by May 15, 2006**, for which you will owe a premium, depending on the plan, ranging from \$7.32 to \$65.58 per month. The plan you choose should be determined by the prescription drugs you need.

Please also know that if you are enrolled in a retiree or other private health plan, you may retain those benefits and not need Medicare Part D coverage, realizing that your own health plan provides you with prescription drug coverage. If you drop or lose your current health plan, then you may decide to enroll in one of the Medicare prescription drug plans.

PHONE NUMBERS

Medicare 1-800-633-4227

ConnPACE 1-800-423-5026
www.connpace.com

CHOICES (health insurance
information and referral service) 1-800-994-9422
www.ctelderlyservices.state.ct.us/choices.htm

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